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### **Thomas M. Markus to Return as Birmingham City Manager**

BIRMINGHAM, MI, November 25, 2020 – The City of Birmingham is pleased to announce Thomas M. Markus will return as Birmingham City Manager from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. Markus previously served as Birmingham City Manager from May 1989 through November 2010. Current City Manager Joe Valentine submitted his resignation in October and his employment will conclude on December 31, 2020.

"Tom brings a strong skill set and he will excel at carrying initiatives forward that are already underway," said Birmingham Mayor Pierre Boutros. "We look forward to a seamless transition as we welcome him back to Birmingham."

Markus is a graduate of the Harvard University JFK School of Government and has more than four decades of City Manager experience, serving in seven cities in five different states. The main focus of his education has been in management, finance, and planning disciplines. He has extensive experience in land-use planning, budgeting, advancing strategic plans, project administration, community goals, infrastructure replacement and repair, and more.

"I believe I can provide a calm and purposeful leadership that will assist the Commission and community on a path forward," said Markus in a letter to Mayor Pierre Boutros.

Markus will work on many initiatives currently underway, such as the Citywide Master Plan for 2040, implementing the Parks & Recreation bond and numerous infrastructure projects. The City invites the community to join in wishing Markus a warm welcome back.

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